

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 972

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Karen C. Blooding upon her selection as Elementary Level Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Karen C. Blooding is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blooding of Homer Pittard Campus School at MTSU has recently been selected as Elementary Level Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a positive influence on countless young lives; and

WHEREAS, a native of Denver, Colorado, Karen Blooding graduated from Colorado State University; she also majored in music at Southern Methodist University and earned her Bachelor's degree in Vocal Performance and Master's degree in Teaching from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blooding is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, serving with acumen and alacrity at Homer Pittard Campus School as a music teacher, Karen Blooding is still highly regarded by her peers and former students the schools where she previously taught, including Stewartsboro, Christiana Elementary, Kittrell, Smyrna West Kindergarten, and Buchanan; and

WHEREAS, in addition to teaching music at the primary level, Ms. Blooding also serves as an Adjunct Professor in the School of Music at Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blooding also finds time in her busy schedule to provide private voice lessons and direct the children's choir at First Methodist Church, where she has served as choir director for the past decade; and

WHEREAS, Karen C. Blooding has dedicated her life to sharing her passion for music with students of all ages, and in doing so, she has provided these individuals with a wonderful and enriching learning experience; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Elementary Level Teacher of the Year honors, Ms. Blooding says her greatest professional accomplishment is her National Board Certification, which she earned earlier this year; and

WHEREAS, Karen Blooding truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Karen Blooding enjoys the love and admiration of her daughter, Courtney, who is currently living in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, truly epitomizing the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, Karen Blooding should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Ms. Karen C. Blooding of Homer Pittard Campus School on being chosen as Elementary Level Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her luck and all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy